

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 19, 1963

10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Absent: Councilman LaRue

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Dudley Fowler, Assistant City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

MR. JOHN GOLDSUM stated a group was present to discuss two problems which are important to the safety of their children. One is the intersection of Kerbey Lane and West 35th Street; and the other is at Jefferson Street, Bull Creek Road, and West 38th Street. Members of the group present were MR. DAVE SMITH, MR. and MRS. DICK STANDIFER, MR. GEORGE REED, MRS. PAUL PAULSEN, and MR. C. E. RIEDEL. Mr. Goldsum said the problem at West 38th Street and Bull Creek Road had become quite serious since the opening of the bridge across West 38th Street. He described the timing of the traffic light at this location as not contributing any to the children's safety in crossing the intersection and stated there are no sidewalks. At West 35th Street and Kerbey Lane, the problem involves the traffic islands which have been placed there. A petition with 261 names was filed urging the Council to instruct the Traffic Engineer to determine the most feasible means of protecting school children crossing these two intersections during the morning and afternoon rush hours and further direct the Traffic Engineer to implement these protective measures as soon as may be practicable, bearing in mind the facts that at least one child has been injured at each of these intersections and that there have been innumerable near misses for children who are too young to cope with the complex traffic patterns presently in use. Mr. Goldsum stated the islands were confusing and dangerous. He had no specific proposal to make but stated it had been suggested that a scramble system be installed - stopping all traffic at one time and letting the children cross. The Assistant Traffic Engineer reported on Kerbey Lane and 35th Street the largest count he had made of children crossing was 13 in this 15 minute period, and the Traffic staff saw no great danger there. The Police Chief stated only 17 crossed at the morning count on Tuesday. An hour car count had been made also. The City Manager read a report from the Director of Traffic and Transportation recommending that due to the small amount of pedestrians crossing West 35th Street and Kerbey Lane that they cross at the signal light at Jefferson and West 35th

Streets which is 354' away. This could be done by having the School Safety Patrolman at the Jefferson and West 35th Streets intersection. This would be safer than even an adult school patrolman's being placed at the West 35th Street and Kerbey Lane intersection. Mayor Palmer stated everyone on the Council and on the staffs wanted to make the streets as safe as is possible especially for children. Councilman Long inquired about what would be involved in instituting a scramble system. Mr. Beasley, Assistant Traffic Engineer, stated cities throughout the state which had tried the system were abandoning it as it disrupted the flow of vehicles. Chief Miles stated it was a matter of training children to go to a different intersection; instead of using the West 35th Street and Kerbey Lane intersection, they be urged to use West 35th and Jefferson; and maybe some further correction could be made at that light. He showed a sketch suggesting rather than attempting to control the matter by lights, perhaps a study could be made of walk and wait lights at West 35th and Jefferson. The Mayor thanked the group for bringing this to the Council's attention and noted this is the first school year after 38th Street had been opened. He said the Police Department and Traffic Department would continue to be asked to study these problems as they all want to keep the streets as safe as possible. The Assistant Traffic Engineer emphasized that if they could get the children to funnel down to one location, the situation could be handled properly; but if they want to cross at a number of places, it is going to be impossible to handle the crossings adequately. Mayor Palmer stated 38th Street had been opened about a year and when a street is opened there are additional problems created; the Council will look into this request. He stated Mr. Beasley and the Traffic Department are desperately concerned, and they will give this every possible consideration. The Mayor asked Mr. Goldsum to work with the Traffic Department in order to keep the communications open.

Mr. Hub Bechtol brought plans for the building of the BABE RUTH FIELD as the Council had given the Optimist Club permission to use the area but had asked that it bring the layout back to the Council. He stated this was a joint operation by the Lions Club and the Optimist Club, and they are working with the Director of Recreation. Councilman Long asked if the Town Lake Study Committee had approved this, and Mr. Bechtol stated it had been approved by the Lake Study Committee, also, the Parks and Recreation Board. The Mayor stated this was a very worth-while project by these clubs. Mr. Bechtol stated this represented a \$12,000 expenditure on this field. He explained the old clear well would be converted into a concession stand.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of December 5, 1963, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman LaRue

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN  
BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXA-  
TION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF

(A) 35.79 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NUMBER 57 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; (B) 50.539 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND (C) 12.011 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORIES LIE ADJACENT TO AND ADJOIN THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE. (Jamestown, Sections 1 & 4, Briarwood Hills, and Markhills)

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Councilman LaRue

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"December 13, 1963

"W. T. Williams, Jr.  
 City Manager  
 Austin, Texas

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"Sealed bids were received until 11:00 A.M., Friday, December 13, 1963, at the Office of the Director of the Water and Sewer Department for the construction of an 8-inch Sanitary Sewer Approach Main to serve MARKHILLS AREA. The bids were publicly opened and read in the Second Floor Conference Room, Municipal Building, Austin, Texas.

"The following is a tabulation of bids received:

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WORKING DAYS</u>
Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated	\$11,070.34	15
Fairey-Simons, Company, Incorporated	12,536.50	30
Austin Engineering Company	12,770.50	40
F and S Company	15,087.20	--
H and M Company, Incorporated	15,588.10	20
Bland Construction Company	19,505.70	30
Walter W. Schmidt	20,183.40	50
City of Austin (Estimate)	14,224.75	

"It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated on their low bid of \$11,070.34, with 15 working days.

"Yours truly,  
 s/ Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
 Victor R. Schmidt, Jr., Assistant Director  
 Water and Sewer Department  
 s/ Albert R. Davis,  
 Albert R. Davis, Director  
 Water and Sewer Department"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 13, 1963, for the construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer approach main to serve Markhills Area; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated, in the sum of \$11,070.34, was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Water and Sewer Department of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated, in the sum of \$11,070.34, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:  
 Ayes: Councilmen Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Councilman LaRue

The City Manager submitted the following:

"December 17, 1963

"TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Bids for contract for cast iron pipe (approximately 1 year supply)  
 Water Department

"Sealed bids were received in the office of the Purchasing Agent for cast iron pipe of various sizes for the purpose of making a contract to supply this pipe as needed by the City. The tabulation of bids is as follows:

	U. S. Pipe & Fdry. Co.	Lone Star Steel Co.	American C. I. Pipe Co.	McWane C. I. Pipe Co.
5000 ft. 2 1/4" B & S Cast Iron Pipe	\$ 3,050.00	*\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,100.00	*\$ 3,487.50
7000 ft. 4" Ditto	7,630.00	7,910.00	8,050.00	8,190.00
40,000 ft. 6" Ditto	64,400.00	66,300.00	64,784.00	69,400.00
25,000 ft. 8" Ditto	57,500.00	59,750.00	60,625.00	62,000.00
10,000 ft. 12" Ditto	39,000.00	40,400.00	41,050.00	42,000.00
Total	\$171,580.00	\$178,810.00	\$177,609.00	\$185,077.50

\*NOTE: Base bids asked for Bell & Spigot joint pipe. On the 2 1/4" pipe Lone Star Steel Co. and McWane C.I. Pipe Co. bid on mechanical joint pipe which was listed as an alternate, but did not bid on the B & S. U. S. Pipe Co. bid 61¢ per foot for B. & S joint pipe and 69¢ per foot for the mechanical joint pipe against 79¢ per ft. by Lone Star and 69 3/4¢ per ft. by McWane.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that contract be made with low bidder, U. S. Pipe and Foundry Company to supply this pipe to the City.

"W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 17, 1963, for cast iron pipe (approximately 1 year supply) for Water Department of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of U. S. Pipe and Foundry Company, in the sum of \$171,580.00, was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of U. S. Pipe and Foundry Company, in the sum of \$171,580.00, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with U. S. Pipe and Foundry Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman IaRue

Pursuant to published notice thereof the following zoning application was publicly heard:

NEILSON PUETT

Tract 1:  
5212-5214 & 5222-5332  
Manchaca Road

From "A" Residence  
To "GR" General Retail  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

Tract 2:  
5216-5220 Manchaca Road

From "A" Residence  
To "C-1" Commercial  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

The Assistant City Attorney stated both zoning applications had been turned down by the Planning Commission; and the zoning was the only proposal before the Council, not the subdivision. Mr. Isom Hale, Engineer, represented

Mr. Puett and described the area on Manchaca Road south of Southern Oaks, Section 1, as unplatted property and City property for a library. Stassney Lane, a 120' right of way, crosses Manchaca Road as a major farm to market road. This property under question is a minute part of the acreage purchased by Mr. Puett in this area and is the only commercial acreage he has asked for, and it will be a number of years before the commercial to the south is developed. In the area there are a high school and a park. Mr. Hale reviewed the development of the plan, redesign of the subdivision to take care of the commercial, and the procedures through the Plats Committee, Zoning Committee, and Planning Commission. The Planning Commission rejected the preliminary plan, not in regard to what they had asked, but on the basis of the land use itself. The preliminary plan was disapproved, and the zoning was not recommended. The Director of Planning reviewed the decisions of the Planning Commission. MR. PUETT stated he had 134 acres, and Southern Oaks, Section One, was started in 1956 when there was no sewer nor water or anything in that area. He brought the approach mains across. He said he did not sell enough lots in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  years to pay the interest and taxes on the property. He said he never intended for this property on Manchaca Road to be residential, and it had been advertised for sale as commercial for years. Finally, he had an offer of \$17,000 for this lot. He was not aware it had been in the city limits; and he had been paying city, county, and water district taxes. These residential lots had been sold for \$1,700 to \$2,200; and now he could get \$4,000 for that piece of property as residential. He has an offer of \$17,000 for commercial. If this property is condemned for only residential use, 80% of its value will be zoned away. He said he had offered three people to whom he had sold property to return their entire down payment and repurchase their property. Out of 134 acres, there are only three acres on which he was asking to be commercial; and they are only a few hundred feet from Mr. Wayne Burns' property where he has twice as much commercial on half as much land. Mr. Puett said he would never build a residence on Manchaca Road. MR. E. H. BATEY, 2011 Fair Oaks Drive opposed the zoning change and stated they purchased their home in 1959; what really sold them was the over-all plan of the area in that they were told the area was to be an all residential area. The community is a delight and is quite pretty, and one that the homeowners are proud of. Their commercial needs still can be served by Ford Village. He objected to Mr. Puett's grasping at this commercial zoning at the expense of ruining the community and breaking faith with those people in the area to whom he sold homes. MR. A. W. STEVENSON, 2003 Fair Oaks Drive, opposed as Mr. Puett's proposed commercial property backs up to his. He purchased his home in 1958. MR. MAX WHITE, 5206 Buffalo Pass, protested the commercial zoning as there was no need for a filling station. There are filling stations at Ford Village, and two have been closed three times because of lack of business. This commercial will increase traffic, and the children have to cross here in going to the park, school, and library. MRS. CARROL CAFFEY disagreed that Manchaca Road was to be a big thoroughfare like Burnet Road and others. It is strictly a road to get into this residential area. MRS. A. W. STEVENSON said there is no need for this commercial and if Mr. Puett would build homes there, he would sell them. The people who are offering to sell their homes back to him are service people. MR. W. D. CORNELL, 2004 Fair Oaks Drive, said he appreciated Mr. Puett's problem, and a businessman should make a profit. This property adjoins residential property, and it is bad city planning to have residential property adjoining commercial. MR. A. L. SPENCER expressed opposition as did MRS. STANLEY HILBIG. Mr. Hale stated, at one time, Mr. Puett offered the property immediately adjoining these three lots if the city could use it for a fire station, he would be willing to do that to separate this property from the commercial. Another citizen expressed

opposition to the change, stating this property was going to be sold to someone who was going to put in a liquor store. The Mayor stated the Council would make an on-site inspection of this area and give an answer as early as possible.

Councilman LaRue enters the Council Room at this point.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FARES AND CHARGES COLLECTIBLE, BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1947, BY EVERY PERSON, FIRM AND CORPORATION MAINTAINING AND OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN A BUS SYSTEM FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE USING OR OPERATING UNDER A PUBLIC FRANCHISE; PRESCRIBING PAYMENTS TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BASED UPON GROSS ANNUAL RECEIPTS FROM OPERATIONS, BY EVERY PERSON, FIRM AND CORPORATION MAINTAINING AND OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN A BUS SYSTEM; FIXING TIMES FOR SUCH PAYMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN JUNE 26, 1947, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "M", PAGES 523-524, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF PRESCRIBING RATES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE BY BUS WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Shanks moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilmen LaRue, Long

Councilman LaRue made the following statement concerning his vote:

"I vote 'no' on the basis that I think the other proposal was the best."

Councilman Long made the following statement concerning her vote:

"I vote 'no' on the basis that I am not for increasing fares regardless of how you want to term it on the people that ride the buses; those who are the least able to pay. I am willing for the transit company to have this small increase through the franchise, and I am going to vote for that because I think the bus company is a public transportation that it is necessary for the general riding public."

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE RENEWING AND EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE OF THE AUSTIN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO OPERATE STREET CARS UPON THE STREETS AND AVENUES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND REQUIRING THE SUBSTITUTION OF BUSES ON ALL STREETS ON WHICH STREET CARS ARE NOW OPERATED; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH," WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1939 AND IS RECORDED AT LENGTH IN ORDINANCE BOOK "K", PAGES 566-567 INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 OF SAID ORDINANCE OF OCTOBER 12, 1939.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman LaRue

Councilman LaRue made the following statement concerning his vote:

"I am for an amendment to the franchise of the Austin Transportation Corp. on gross receipts, but not on the basis that has been proposed here today."

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING TO PUBLIC TRAVEL PORTIONS OF NORTH HAMPTON DRIVE AND WHEELS LANE, SAME BEING OUT OF THE THOMAS ELDRIDGE SURVEY, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING EASEMENTS IN THE CITY FOR DRAINAGE AND ELECTRIC UTILITY PURPOSES; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried

by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, an easement for public utility and drainage purposes was granted the City of Austin in, upon and across the south ten (10.00) feet of Lot 20A, the second resubdivision of Block G Southwood Section 2, said Southwood Section 2 being a subdivision of a portion of the Isaac Decker League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Southwood Section 2 of record in Book 7 at Page 60 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; a map or plat of the second resubdivision of Block G Southwood Section 2 being of record in Book 17 at page 4 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of the above described property have requested the City Council of the City of Austin to release the hereinafter described portion of the public utility and drainage easement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the hereinafter described easement is not now needed and will not be required in the future; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described public utility and drainage easement, to-wit:

The East 128.20 feet of the North five (5.00) feet of the South ten (10.00) feet of Lot 20A, the second resubdivision of Block G Southwood Section 2, being a subdivision of a portion of the Isaac Decker League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Southwood Section 2 of record in Book 7 at Page 60 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; a map or plat of the second resubdivision of Block G Southwood Section 2 being of record in Book 17 at Page 4 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Appointments to the Board of Adjustment were postponed until the following week.

The City Manager stated the Director of Aviation had received a written request from Major James H. Goff, representing ECONO-CAR RENTAL SYSTEM, withdrawing their application for counter space in the Austin Municipal Airport. Councilman White moved that the Council permit Major Goff to withdraw his application as requested. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager read a letter from MR. ALBERT DAVIS, Director of Water and Sewer Department, announcing his retirement beginning December 31, 1963, and stating in looking at the Water and Sewer Department organization, he was convinced the necessary ability and skills exist in the personnel to carry on the activities of the Water and Sewer Department, and stating he had enjoyed his work with the City. The leadership and support of the City Manager and City Council has been a big factor of developing the Water and Sewer Department of which all could be proud. Councilman Long moved that the Council adopt a Resolution commending MR. ALBERT DAVIS for his long years of service with the City, and expressing regrets of his leaving, but hoping for him a happy retirement, and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an appropriate Resolution. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager announced the appointment of MR. VIC SCHMIDT as Director of Water and Sewer Department.

The City Manager announced that one of the Superintendents in the Department of Public Works, MR. WALTER HILL, will retire also on December 31st. Councilman Long moved that the Council commend MR. HILL for his good work and faithful service, and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw a Resolution to that effect. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager reported inquiry had been received from Bergstrom Field in regard to the visit of the President and Chancellor LUDWIG ERHARD. The City Manager stated there were some affairs scheduled at Bergstrom Field, and request had been received for some seats at the Auditorium, and he had told them these would be available.

Councilman Shanks moved that the Y-Teens be granted permission to sell records, for which they already had a Solicitation Permit, in front of the Austin Hotel on 7th and Congress Avenue, on December 21, 1963. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager announced that the Engineers have prepared specifications and invitations to bid, to be opened at the Council Meeting on January 23, 1964, at 10:00 A.M. for Holly Street Power Station, as follows:

Contract 112 - Alloy pipe                      Contract 116 - Sluice Gates  
Contract 113 - Alloy pipe fittings          Contract 117 - Elevator

Councilman Shanks moved that the Council accept the recommendation of the Architect, Wolf E. Jessen, of the Auditorium, as to the grey color of the draperies and the recommendation of Dr. Paul Boner, Consultant on the Accoustics, as to the texture of the draperies. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Assistant City Manager submitted to the Council figures on costs of lighting some of the little ball fields, after the request from the Oak Hill Optimist Club for free electricity had been received. The City Manager read a Memorandum from the Director of Recreation, stating the Parks and Recreation Board voted on December 11, 1963, to recommend to the Council, that the request of the Oak Hill Optimist Club, for free electricity not be granted, as their operation is located outside the City Limits. Councilman Long moved that the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation on this matter be accepted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman Shanks

The City Manager reported before the Abattoir was leased, the Inspectors had raised the question about the lack of a wall on the killing floor on the third floor, recommending that one should be installed. The matter was postponed. Now the Inspectors are asking the Lessees about the same thing, and they want to put one in. Under the terms of the contract, if the Lessees make a permanent improvement to the building they get credit on their rental. Two bids were taken, and the low bid was about \$1100. After discussion, Councilman LaRue moved that the Lessees be allowed to contract this wall and take it out of the annual or monthly payment. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Assistant City Manager stated they would like to have MR. ELDRED PERRY, the Laison man, look over the plans.

The Council recessed until 2:30 P.M. at which time the Council was to meet with the Human Relations Group.

RECESSED MEETING

2:30 P.M.

At 2:30 P.M. the Council resumed its business.

The Mayor announced this was a hearing on a proposed ordinance creating a Human Relations Commission.

A transcript of this hearing was made and is on file in the City Clerk's File under HUMAN RELATIONS - Transcripts.

There being no further business the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED *P. E. Palmer*  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*Elvis Wesley*  
City Clerk